

Letter from Alexander Graham Bell to Mabel Hubbard Bell, February 21, 1885, with transcript

Alexander Graham Bell to Mabel (Hubbard) Bell. L The Grand Pacific Hotel, Chicago. February 21st, 1885. My dear little wife:

I have just returned from Englewood where I have been examining the Cook Co. Normal School with Mr. Wines and speechifying — also Miss McCowan's school for deaf children. Tomorrow I spend day in examining Chicago day-schools for the deaf and in the evening address the Commissioners of Cook Co. and others to induce them to allow Col Parker to have a normal training school for the deaf in connection with his school. I am tired out and am going to bed (8 p. m.) Even my hand refuses to write properly — feels inclined to cramp. Think I must have caught cold as my head feels full — and I have a sensation of — Oh! horror! — deafness!!! I'm all right though only tired.

I weigh 208 pounds. Isn't that a come down?

Love, Alec.